

City of West Lafayette, Indiana
Board of Public Works and Safety
MINUTES

JUNE 2, 2015

8:30 a.m.

Morton Community Center
Multi-Purpose Room

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Brooke E. Folkers, Tanuja R. Sheth, and Jonathan C. Speaker. Mayor Dennis presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 26, 2015, Meeting

Ms. Booker moved to accept the minutes of the May 26, 2015, Board of Works meeting.
Mr. Speaker seconded the motion

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proclamation: Vic Lechtenberg Day – Mayor

Mayor Dennis stated that this proclamation is something that we have not really done before, which is to dedicate a day to an individual. He stated that Vic Lechtenberg has been a cornerstone of this community for some time. He and his wife, Grace, have been involved in almost every board, committee, commission, and group, which helps to create a high quality of life for our community. He stated that Mr. Lechtenberg has been a part of the upper level administration at Purdue University, and in that role he has served as adjunct President for a while. He stated that the Lechtenbergs have always been very good to the communities on both sides of the river. Mayor Dennis stated that Mr. Lechtenberg is now retiring, and the administration at Purdue asked the City to honor Mr. Lechtenberg. He read the proclamation for Vic Lechtenberg Day aloud:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in recognition of the great and many contributions Victor L. "Vic" Lechtenberg has made to the West Lafayette community and the Greater Lafayette region; and

WHEREAS, he has been an integral part of the West Lafayette community while serving Purdue University with great distinction as a professor, dean and in various administrative roles since moving to West Lafayette in 1971 to earn his PhD. in Agronomy from Purdue University; and

WHEREAS, Vic Lechtenberg, through his work at Purdue University, has made the Greater Lafayette community a better place to live, work, visit and do business; and

WHEREAS, he has shared his talents with the community while serving on the boards of several local businesses, including the IU Arnett Health Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Purdue has joined with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to recruit businesses to Greater Lafayette and the state of Indiana and retain current Indiana companies; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized for his work by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation in 2009, when he received the Accelerate Indiana Award for being the Corporation's best resource for connecting Indiana's strong academic culture with that of the business world; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and expertise have been widely recognized and sought after throughout the community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, his service to our country through his work with national organizations including his past positions as the chair of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's national Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board, and as a fellow of both the American Society of Agronomy and the Crop Science Society of America, reflects well on Greater Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, he has been a tremendous ambassador for and asset to the West Lafayette community; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Lafayette expresses its enormous gratitude and appreciation to Vic Lechtenberg for his dedication and service to the community over the past 45 years; and

WHEREAS, his contributions will continue to impact West Lafayette and the state of Indiana.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John R. Dennis, Mayor of the great city of West Lafayette Indiana, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 2, 2015 as:

VIC LECHTENBERG DAY

In the city of West Lafayette, and call upon the people of West Lafayette to recognize and participate in this important observance.

b. Proclamation: West Lafayette Internet Safety Day – Mayor

IT Director Alexander stated that Internet safety is an important in all forms of our life now that we are all interconnected in every way. Exercising common sense and caution while using the internet is important, just like it everyday life; you do not become immune to anything just because you are anonymous on the Internet.

Mayor Dennis stated that we put a lot of our private information on computers, and a lot of the computers are connected to the Internet. He stated that the rate of identity theft has increased. We need to have an understanding of what the Internet can do for us, but also what it can do against us. He read the proclamation for Internet Safety Day aloud:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The City of West Lafayette holds the health, safety and quality of life of its citizens as chief concern; and

WHEREAS: The City of West Lafayette recognizes that the Internet has become an essential tool allowing us to better connect with family and friends, work more efficiently and better manage our everyday lives;

WHEREAS: The City of West Lafayette understands that with these benefits also come potential new risks to our confidential information and privacy;

WHEREAS: According to a recent national study, parents claim to be more informed about their teens' online activities than teens believe them to be; and

WHEREAS: 43% of teens say they have posted something online that they later regretted; and;

WHEREAS: Older adults often do not get started online out of a sense that the Internet is not to be trusted because of questionable content or online actors.; and

WHEREAS: The City of West Lafayette recognizes that people of all ages should know how to protect their private accounts and information; and

WHEREAS: Increasing awareness, education and training creates digital community that is safer and more resistant from online attacks;

WHEREAS: The U.S. Congress has designated June, 2015, as National Internet Safety Month;

NOW, THEREFORE MAY IT BE RESOLVED that the City of West Lafayette does hereby proclaim June 2, 2015, as "West Lafayette Internet Safety Day"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of West Lafayette encourages the citizens to recognize the importance of Internet Safety for all users and to observe this month with activities, events and/or educational training that will increase knowledge and awareness of Internet Safety.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand to be affixed this 2nd day of June, 2015.

c. Claims

i. AP Docket	\$353,680.70
ii. AP Docket	\$2,410.22
iii. PR Docket	\$566,050.89
iv. PR Docket	\$422,155.38

Ms. Folkers moved that the claims be approved. Ms. Sheth seconded the motion.

There were no questions or comments about the claims.

The motion was adopted.

d. Informational Items

i. Legal Budget & Expenses – Clerk-Treasurer

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

ii. Park Board Dockets

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

e. Other Items

► Police Chief Dombkowski stated that we would know more about the traffic on Happy Hollow road later today.

► Public Works Director Buck reported on construction projects. The intersection of Happy Hollow and River Roads closed yesterday afternoon, later in the afternoon than planned which created some traffic issues. He thanked the Police Department, and specifically deputy Chief Leroux, for coordinating the efforts to get Police Officers at various intersections to get traffic through. He noted the Salisbury Street was backed up a long way and for a good while. He stated that we are working on a plan this morning that will adjust and add signage to get more traffic, including truck traffic, to use Fowler and Northwestern Avenues. He stated that the first day is always the worst. He asked that everybody be patient and allow for extra time for commutes. He stated that we hope to be done in four to six weeks, weather permitting. Director Buck reported that Cumberland Avenue is moving along and paving operations have begun. The intersection work at Cumberland and Salisbury Street will be starting up, where Cumberland east and west be closed. North and south Salisbury traffic will be able to go through the intersection without stopping. That intersection work is also expected to take four to six weeks. He reported that Northwestern Avenue Phase 4 is ongoing and there are some lane restrictions. He reported that there is curb and sidewalk work being done on 5th and 6th Streets, and the project is moving along well. He stated that the street resurfacing project has not started yet.

Mayor Dennis stated that this is construction season, and one thing we as a population have realized is that the window is not very broad. We try to get as much done as quickly as we can and as well as we can.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Speaker moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting.